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7 KAREN M. JOHNSON,  
8 Plaintiff,  
9 v.  
10 WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE,  
11 Defendant.

Case No. 16-cv-00245-KAW

**ORDER REFERRING CASE TO ADR  
UNIT FOR ASSESSMENT TELEPHONE  
CONFERENCE**

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13 Pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-8 and ADR Local Rule 2-3, the court refers this  
14 foreclosure-related action to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Unit for a telephone  
15 conference to assess this case's suitability for mediation or a settlement conference. Plaintiff and  
16 defendants' counsel shall participate in a telephone conference, to be scheduled by the ADR Unit  
17 as soon as possible but no later than February 15, 2016.

18 Plaintiff and defendant's counsel shall be prepared to discuss the following subjects:

- 19 1. Identification and description of claims and alleged defects in loan documents.  
20 2. Prospects for loan modification.  
21 3. Prospects for settlement.

22 The parties need not submit written materials to the ADR Unit for the telephone  
23 conference.

24 In preparation for the telephone conference, plaintiff shall do the following:

- 25 1. Review relevant loan documents and investigate the claims to determine whether  
26 they have merit.  
27 2. If plaintiff is seeking a loan modification to resolve all or some of the claims,  
28 plaintiff shall prepare a current, accurate financial statement and gather all of the

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Northern District of California

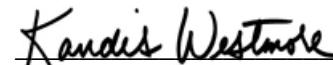
1 information and documents customarily needed to support a loan modification  
2 request. Further, plaintiff shall immediately notify defendants' counsel of the  
3 request for a loan modification.

- 4 3. Provide counsel for defendants with information necessary to evaluate the  
5 prospects for loan modification, in the form of a financial statement, worksheet or  
6 application customarily used by financial institutions.  
7 4. In preparation for the telephone conference, counsel for defendants shall do the  
8 following.  
9 5. If defendants are unable or unwilling to do a loan modification after receiving  
10 notice of plaintiff's request, counsel for defendants shall promptly notify plaintiff to  
11 that effect.  
12 6. Arrange for a representative of each defendant with full settlement authority to  
13 participate in the telephone conference.

14 The ADR Unit will notify the parties of the date and time that the telephone conference  
15 will be held. After the telephone conference, the ADR Unit will advise the court of its  
16 recommendation for further ADR proceedings.

17 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

18 Dated: January 26, 2016

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20 KANDIS A. WESTMORE  
21 United States Magistrate Judge  
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